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Story of the Teddy Bear That Bore Secrets Is Bared by East Germans

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Our man in East Germany isn't our man, says the East German news agency ADN. But then, the CIA isn't working for Washington either, the ADN exposé indicates, for the CIA is sending data about Soviet secrets to the Soviets.

As ADN reported it, an East German whom the CIA allegedly tried to recruit as a secret agent told all in a Christmas Day interview on East German television.

The man "thought in America until now to be an agent in reality is not," ADN said. It added that the man was recruited by a letter from Bremen, West Germany, promising gifts.

One gift was a chocolate bar containing money and instructions for sending code messages about Red military installations. Another was a teddy bear which arrived by mail last Christmas.

Inside the bear, the agency said, were "details and pictures of aircraft, tanks and vehicles of the East German and Soviet armies."

The agency did not make clear why the CIA would send an East German such data rather than vice versa.

Arrest in Heidelberg Sends Diplomat Home

BONN, Dec. 26 — Their man in old Heidelberg is back in Moscow.

That's part of the details told for the first time by highly reliable but anonymous Bonn sources about West Germany's latest Red spy story, involving a German student and a Russian diplomat.

The student, identified only

as Peter R., was arrested Dec. 15 as he waited in a rain-swept dark alley near Heidelberg's university. The Russian was identified as Jakob Stephanovich Barssukov, who allegedly paid Peter R. \$225 for information on U.S. Army's European headquarters in the city.

The sources said Barssukov told Peter R. to filch the secrets by romancing German girls working at headquarters. He dangled before Peter the vision of a new car.

After Peter's arrest, the sources added, Barssukov left for Moscow last Monday. How

much information he got is still a secret.

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